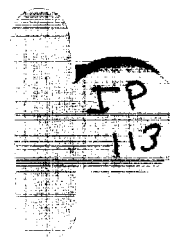


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Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: **9 May 1950**

To: **D/LA**

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: **Cuban organizations**

Statement of Project: **25X1A**

Origin: **Internal** [REDACTED]

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Responsible Division: **D/LA**

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Internal Coordination: **EL/S**

Departmental Responsibilities: **None**

Classification to be no higher than: **secret**

Recommended Dissemination: **Requester only**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ORE, D/Pub 25X1A
ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : Cuban Organizations
REFERENCE : [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. It is requested that this office be furnished information concerning the activities of the following Cuban organizations:

- a. PSP Assembly
- b. Congress of Communist Women

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2. This memorandum confirms conversation of 5 May between [REDACTED] of this office.

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Chief, D/Pub (Attn: Projects Planning)

19 May 1950

Acting Chief, D/LA

Cuban Organizations, Request for Information on

The enclosed reports -- on the Assembly of the Cuban Partido Socialista Popular and the Congress of Communist Women -- were prepared by D/LA in response to D/Pub request (Project IP-113) dated 9 May 1950.

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Congress of Communist Women

The Congress of Communist Women was a meeting of the Federation of Democratic Cuban Women (FDMC), which was held in Havana on March 5-7, 1950. The congress was apparently held for the purpose of bolstering the morale of members of the FDMC and boosting their activity in the current election campaign and in the Communist "peace and democracy" campaign. The FDMC, which is believed to have been organized in 1948, is an important Communist mechanism for propaganda and political activities. Its propaganda line is patently pro-Soviet and anti-American. It supports the Communist point of view on ideological questions and undertakes to indoctrinate all those who come into contact with it. The organization has been a foremost operational factor in the Communist "peace" campaign in Cuba and is probably doing important work for Communist candidates in the municipal and congressional elections that are to be held 1 June 1950. In addition to these and other patently Communist activities, the FDMC concerns itself with subjects that are of general interest to Cuban women, such as high prices, education, maternal and child care, defense of the rights of women, and economic problems that affect the home. Talks on these subjects were made at the congress. Embassy Cuba reports that the FDMC has been growing rapidly in recent months. The total membership has not been reported. It is evident that this organization maintains connections with international Communist women's organizations and that these contacts are useful to the Cuban Communist Party. Connections with international Communist organizations were evident at the recent congress.

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The Partido Socialista Popular (PSP) Assembly

At the Sixth Annual National Assembly of the Cuban Communist Party (Partido Socialista Popular) held in Habana 22-24 Feb 60, the most outstanding event was the bold action by the party in adopting as official policy the refusal to fight against the Soviet Union in event of a US - USSR war. PSP leaders had avoided a showdown on this subject for years. This pro-USSR policy statement will not greatly increase overt Cuban Communist action favoring Russia in the predictable peace-time future. (It is assumed that the policy statement relates chiefly to overt Party activities, because subversive Communist activities in Cuba may be partially directed from abroad and, therefore, not entirely subject to control by the executive committee of the overt local Communist Party.) The pro-USSR statement of policy also has limited significance in terms of possible actions by Cuban Communists in event of a US-USSR war. It is true that many of the Party's estimated 20 thousand militants would remain loyal to the USSR in event of war and that skilled underground leaders (some from abroad) are probably ready to take charge of underground activities in Cuba when necessary. Moreover, Communist influence is strong enough among the sugar, transport, and maritime workers to cause serious interference in productive processes by means of strikes and slow-downs. In addition, some sabotage, possibly including the firing of sugar cane fields, could be expected in event of war, and should this occur, it would be impossible for Cuba to provide sufficient rural police protection to prevent sabotage of cane fields. Nevertheless, the Communists would be greatly hampered in implementing a pro-USSR policy during a war. Police and the armed forces would take strong and effective measures to suppress all Communist activity, especially sabotage of mines, transport facilities and sugar mills. In addition, after some serious labor troubles, the Cuban workers would probably be educated through anti-Communist propaganda to disregard Communist labor agitation, thus decreasing the seriousness of work stoppages.